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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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In re Application of )  
Prof. Richard C. Willson III )  
and Dr. Jason Murphy )  
Serial No.: 09/994,701 )  
Filed: 11/06/2001 )  
For: Nucleic Acid ...Metal Affinity Chromatography ) Examiner Michael D.  
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Response Due: **30 July 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT  
AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 30 June 2008, consideration of the following substitute Amendments to the Claims Section and Remarks is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed via fax to 571-273-8300 Central Fax of the USPTO on 3 July 2008 (37 CFR 1.10).

No additional fee is believed due as there are presented no new claims. Only claim status identifiers are revised.